

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 9**

**INCIDENT NO. 2001-103**

**DATE: September 19, 2001    TIME: 4:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Increased Security – In response to a series of terrorist attacks on the United States, North Dakota state agencies and military installations have taken precautions to increase security.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: Emergency responders for the City of Pembina organized a fund for emergency responders and their families affected by the terrorist activities in New York.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS:

**State:**

On September 18, 2001, functional and task coordinators with responsibilities in the State Emergency Operations Plan reviewed surveillance and security measures initiated in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C. Participants represented the following state agencies: Governor's Office; National Guard; Highway Patrol; Department of Health; Emergency Management; Division of Facility Management, Office of Management and Budget; Aeronautics Commission; Information Technology Department; Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Fire Marshal, Attorney General's Office; State Radio; State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture; Fire Marshal; and State Water Commission.

Status of agency activities was reported as follows:

**National Guard**

All National Guard units across the state are under Force Protection Charlie, which requires controlled access and surveillance at all facilities.

The Air National Guard continues its missions.

The Army National Guard is operating under "Homeland Security," requiring soldiers to monitor, survey and protect key facilities.

### **Highway Patrol**

- Eight district commanders discussed the Highway Patrol's heightened alert measures during a September 17-18 meeting. Those heightened alerts include highways, bridges and facility monitoring.

### **Department of Health**

- State health officials have issued alerts to health care providers and laboratories requesting increased surveillance to any unusual disease occurrence.
- Alerts urging increased security measures have been sent to food processors, water treatment plant operators and water testing laboratories.

### **Emergency Management**

- The agency is issuing Situation Reports on a daily basis.
- The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated and is available to state agencies. Currently, the EOC is staffed from 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- Emergency Management has been in periodic contact with representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and voluntary and donation organizations. Emergency Management has been providing resource matching.
- To date, no state resources have been requested through FEMA or EMAC.
- Key facilities identified for heightened security include: state facilities; State Radio towers; universities and colleges; railroad facilities; military installations; major airports; dams; power and industrial facilities; liquid and gas pipelines; critical highway bridges; major food distribution warehouses; major medical facilities; and priority telecommunication sites.

### **Facility Management**

- Facility Management has been working with the Highway Patrol to implement parking security at the State Capitol Grounds.
- Facility Management is monitoring vendor entrance into the Capitol building.
- Personnel have stepped up surveillance, and patrols have increased.
- State employees have been proactive in their surveillance of their work areas.
- Facility Management will work with the Governor's Office to evaluate the necessity of closing the Capitol carport tunnel.
- Facility Management staff will review heightened security measures with each agency.

### **Aeronautics Commission**

- The state's eight air carrier airports have been certified for operations under the Alert Level 4 security measures issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- Northwest and United Airlines have reduced service to North Dakota by one flight per day.

- Restrictions were lifted on the agricultural aviation industry on Friday and then put into effect again until Sunday, when operations were allowed to resume.
- Airlines have a 50 percent load factor.
- Northwest reported that 30 percent of passengers did not show up for flights. United reported a no-show rate of 15 to 20 percent.

### **Information Technology**

- Information Technology staff has concentrated efforts on stabilizing and ensuring the security of the state network.
- A virus attacked the network on the morning of September 18.

### **Bureau of Criminal Investigation**

- Agents throughout the state are in the process of intelligence gathering and are following leads from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- The FBI issued alerts to law enforcement and transportation officials for increased surveillance to ensure the safety of fire trucks, emergency vehicles and bridges.

### **State Radio**

- State Radio has been providing a flow of communications to the State EOC.
- Staff has been directed to increase its monitoring of the National Weather Alert System (NAWAS) radio.

### **State Veterinarian**

- The agency issued a notice to the state's veterinarians urging increased awareness of foreign animal disease. Investigators and laboratory personnel were urged to implement an appropriate level of personal protection when examining animals, carcasses and submit samples until potentially zoonotic diseases can be ruled out.

In addition to focusing on an appropriate format for heightened security, other discussion items included:

### **Information Reporting and Dissemination**

- Media releases should be coordinated with the Governor's Office.
- Emergency Management will continue issuing Situation Reports and asked agencies to provide status updates for those reports.

### **State EOC**

- Instructions for accessing the State EOC were provided and agencies were encouraged to utilize the facility, as required.
- Continued coordination through the Division of Emergency Management was urged. The bottom line is that North Dakota state government's role in this event at this time is vigilance and preparedness.

### **Local:**

Pembina County officials reported law enforcement officers have been assisting US Border Patrol personnel. Pembina County Emergency Management officials, in response to terrorist events, met with county commissioners and county department heads to re-emphasize the method by which information will be dispersed and

discussed heightened security and awareness.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Following are agencies, numbers, addresses and web sites for welfare inquiries, blood and monetary donations and crisis counseling:

### **Welfare Inquiries**

U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime: 1-800-331-0075,  
[www.responsecare.com](http://www.responsecare.com)

American Red Cross: contact your local chapter or call in North Dakota, 1-800-252-6746

American Airlines: 1-800-245-0999

United Airlines: 1-800-932-8555

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB): 1-202-314-6185

Virginia Governor's Terrorism Victims Help Line: 1-866-827-3543

### **Voluntary and Monetary Donations**

New York State World Trade Center Relief Fund: 1-800-801-8092, or P.O. Box 5028, Albany, NY 12205

American Red Cross: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-HELP-NOW

The Salvation Army: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY

United Way September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund: 1-212-251-4035

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief: 1-800-959-4325

Church World Service: 1-800-297-1516, extension 222

Nazarene Disaster Response: 1-888-256-5886

World Vision: 1-888-511-6593

Blue Cross Blue Shield: 1-866-761-8365

New York Firefighters and Families Donation Fund: Bismarck Fire Department: 1020 East Central Avenue, Bismarck, 58501

Army Relief Society Pentagon Victims Fund: 1-703-325-0463, [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Pentagon Assistance Fund: 1-703-696-4904, [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org)

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund: 1-303-933-7580, [www.feea.org](http://www.feea.org)

### **Blood Donations**

United Blood Services – Bismarck: 1-701-258-4512

United Blood Services – Minot: 1-701-852-2161

United Blood Services – Fargo: 1-701-293-9453

Dak-Minn Blood Bank – Grand Forks: 1-701-780-5140

### **Crisis Counseling**

The Mental Health Association in North Dakota: 1-800-472-2911

Northeast Human Service Center, Grand Forks: 1-701-775-0525

Northwest Human Service Center: 1-800-231-7724

North Central Human Service Center: 1-888-470-6968

Lake Region Human Service Center: 1-701-665-2200

Southeast Human Service Center: 1-888-342-4900

South Central Human Service Center: 1-800-260-1310

West Central Human Service Center: 1-888-328-2662

**Spring Flooding – FEMA-1376-DR-ND**

The level of Devils Lake at Creel Bay is 1,447.36 feet today while the level of Stump Lake level measured 1,411.87 feet.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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